



NAVAL BASE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 1

1 The new school year has begun. We would like to inform you of our programmes and activities for Term 1, so that together, we can nurture and maximise the potential of all our Navalites.

2 Academic / Assessment Matters

(a) Registration for the 2018 GCE N and O Level Examination

Registration will commence on 22 February 2018 (Thursday). Singapore citizens will be given a full waiver of the examination fees. International Students & Singapore Permanent Residents will be required to pay the fees and confirm their GIRO options. Collection of fees will be made in March.

3 Department Matters

(b) English Language and Literature Department – Reading Programme

The school aims to develop good reading habits and a love for reading in Navalites through its reading programme. When Navalites read widely, they will develop competency and confidence in using the English Language, as well as widen their knowledge. All Navalites should have a book with them every day as time will be set aside for reading in the morning and sometimes during lessons.

Secondary One to Three Navalites will also receive copies of books throughout the year as part of the reading programme. These books belong to the school and will be collected back for exchange of titles every half a term. Hence, they should take good care of the books and not leave any markings behind so that the next student can enjoy the reading experience.

Secondary Four and Five Navalites will receive printed copies of selected articles from a variety of publications. These copies are for them to keep and they are encouraged to annotate and make notes on the articles.

Beyond curriculum hours, Navalites are strongly encouraged to find time to read.

(c) Mother Tongue Languages Department – Language Fortnights for all levels

i. Tamil Language Fortnight

In conjunction with the Indian Harvest Festival (Pongal) Celebrations, Part 1 of the Tamil Fortnight activities will take place from 15 January 2018 (Monday) to 19 January 2018 (Friday). Learning activities on the Harvest Festival celebrations will be conducted during Tamil lessons after school.

ii. Malay Language Fortnight

The Malay Language Fortnight Part I will be held during 15 January 2018 (Monday) to 19 January 2018 (Friday). Some of the activities organised include Introduction to Malay Traditional Music and Motivation Talk.

iii. Chinese Language Fortnight

The first part of the Chinese Language Fortnight Part I will commence on 8 February 2018 (Thursday) and end with Lunar New Year celebration on 15 February 2018 (Thursday). Navalites will be engaged in learning the festive customs and traditions during Chinese lessons and after school.

4 Character and Citizenship Education

(a) Values in Actions (VIA) Projects

Secondary 1 and selected classes from Sec 3 will be carrying out their VIA projects this term. Details for each of the projects starting this term are summarised in the table below:

Level	Project	Key objective
Sec 1	C.A.L.M.¹ Recycling Card	This project aims to develop in our Navalites an attitude of care towards their environment through recycling efforts with their family members.
Sec 3	Service Learning Champion Programme	This project aims to develop our students to be service learning champions to carry projects that identify and meet the needs of our community.

Details on the actual schedule for each class will be disseminated separately to parents by the form teachers.

(b) Secondary One Stop Motion Animation Workshop (2-day workshop)

This Cyber wellness workshop aims to raise the awareness of risks in cyberspace and to promote good online practices for our students through the use of multimedia. At the end of the 2-day workshop, students will be able to create a stop motion animation to promote a Cyber wellness message. Details on the actual schedule for each class will be disseminated separately to parents by the form teachers.

¹ C.A.L.M. = CAring citizen, Leader of self and others, and Moral individual

(c) Total Defence Day

Total Defence Day is commemorated annually to mark Singapore's fall to the Japanese on 15 February 1942. This year, it will be commemorated in our school on 15 February 2018 (Thursday), in conjunction with the Lunar New Year celebrations.

5 Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC)

PTC will be held on 9 March 2018 (Friday). Details on the actual schedule for each class will be disseminated at a later date by the Form Teachers.

6 Administrative Matters

(a) Secondary One Students using Primary School's School Smart Cards (SSCs)

All Secondary One students (joining the school in 2018) can continue using their primary level SSCs for concessionary travel till end of April 2018. They will be issued new secondary level SSCs in due course. Students can still purchase the Bus Concession Pass (BCP) using their primary level SSCs but they would need to purchase the BCP for secondary school students.

(b) School Notification and Attendance App (snaapp)

snaapp is a free smartphone app that helps to enhance our communication with parents. It will notify parents if their child is late/absent from school. Additionally, the school will be using the app to send mass messages regarding school events.

We strongly encourage parents to download the snaapp app to enjoy the ease of receiving timely information pertaining to their child.

i. User ID and Password

Parents / Guardians can download from Google Play Store or Apple Appstore. To activate the app, you would need to enter your child's Full Name and BC/FIN number in the following format:

Last 5 characters: 4567D (e.g. T1234567D)

ii. Helpline

For technical enquiries or account set up, e-mail snaapp@mggsoftware.com or call 6815 1210. For school-based enquires, kindly contact our HOD ICT, Ms Chia Xiaoyun, at chia_xiaoyun@moe.edu.sg.

7 Photographs/ Images Taken During School Events

Please note that photograph(s) and video image(s) of your child/ward may be captured during school events.

These images may be published in school publications, websites, social media and other school communication channels. If you do not wish to have these photographs and images published, you may write to the school at nbss@moe.edu.sg.

This termly letter can be downloaded from the school's website.
<http://www.navalbasesec.moe.edu.sg/parents-at-nbss/termly-letters>